

# **HANDICAPPED PARKING REGULATIONS**

## **Combining the More Stringent Regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board**

All parking lots for customers or visitors (with the exception of valet parking), should have accessible spaces for vehicles with proper identification. Parking lots for employees (built or altered as of 1/26/92) must also have accessible spaces. If an employee with a disability needs such accommodation in an older parking lot, s/he should request it of the employer.

### **Parking Space Size:**

Accessible spaces should be at least 8 feet wide, with level access aisles not less than 5 feet wide. Two accessible spaces may share a common aisle.

### **Location:**

These spaces should be in a level location providing the shortest safe, accessible route of travel to an accessible entrance. With more than one accessible entrance, the spaces should be located near each accessible entrance. Sidewalks at such spaces should have curb cuts at each access aisle, so a person is not required to enter the stream of traffic to get to a sidewalk.

### **Parking Space Number:**

#### **Total Spaces**

1-4 (ADA only)  
5-14 (ADA only)  
15-25  
26-50  
51-75  
76-100  
101-150  
151-200  
201-300  
301-400  
401-500  
501-1000  
1001 AND OVER

#### **Required Accessible Spaces** **(521 CMR and ADA)**

1 space without signage  
1 space  
1 space  
2 spaces  
3 spaces  
4 spaces  
5 spaces  
6 spaces  
7 spaces  
8 spaces  
9 spaces  
2% of total  
20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000



### **Outpatient Medical Facilities:**

10% of the total spaces should be accessible.

### **Facilities specializing in treatment or services for people with mobility impairment:**

20% of the total spaces should be accessible.

### **Van Parking:**

One in six handicapped spaces (minimum one) should be a "van accessible" space, 8 feet wide with an access aisle 8 feet wide allowing a van to operate a lift. Or all spaces may be "universal" spaces 11 feet wide with a 5 foot access aisle.

### **Signs:**

There should be a permanent sign at each space showing the accessibility symbol, like on the sign above. Van accessible spaces should have an additional sign below it saying "VAN ACCESSIBLE". Signs should be at a height between 5 feet and 8 feet to the top of the sign.

### **For More Information:**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT, CALL THE MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE ON DISABILITY AT (617) 727-7440 OR (800) 322-2020 V/TTY.**